

the derivative or a plant preparation containing boswellic acid to prevent and/or combat said diseases to a mammalian organism in need of such prevention and/or combatting.

--11. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said disease is pulmonary emphysema, acute respiratory distress syndrome, shock lung, cystic fibrosis (mucoviscidosis), chronic bronchitis, glomerulonephritis or rheumatoid arthritis, which are caused by increased leucocytic elastase activity, or tumors and neoplasm or tumor metastases which are caused by increased plasmin activity.

--12. The method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said boswellic acid is administered intraperitoneally, orally, buccally, rectally, intramuscularly, topically, subcutaneously, intraarticularly, intravenously or inhalationally.

--13. The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said boswellic acid is administered in the form of tablets, dragees, capsules, solutions, emulsions, ointments, creams, inhalants, aerosols or suppositories.

--14. The method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said mammalian organism is an animal.